

Seven perish in world's worst space flight tragedy
Crew die in shuttle disaster



The moment of disaster as the shuttle exploded in a ball of fire two minutes after lift-off from Cape Canaveral

From Michael Binyon and Christopher Thomas Washington

The US shuttle Challenger, carrying a crew of seven, yesterday exploded in a fireball over the Atlantic two minutes after blast-off from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida in the worst ever space disaster.

Wreckage plunged into the sea a few miles offshore from Cape Canaveral. Rescue ships and helicopters raced to the area but were held back for an hour by the rain of burning debris. All crew members, including the two women - one of them the first teacher in space - are presumed dead. Medical personnel were waiting to parachute into the crash area. Vice-President George

Bush rushed into the Oval office to tell the President of the disaster. Mr Reagan immediately broke off his meeting with top advisers and hurried next door to watch live television pictures. The White House spokesman said he was stunned and close to tears. The House of Representatives held prayers and immediately adjourned.

President Reagan cancelled his scheduled State of the Union address to Congress yesterday evening, and arranged to give it next Tuesday instead. He ordered Mr Bush to Cape Canaveral to express his sympathy to the families of the shuttle astronauts. The tragedy, watched by millions, including the families of the crew, came without warning after a per-

fect lift-off. A solid rocket booster apparently exploded nine miles up just as ground control instructed the crew to throttle up. A blazing multi-coloured ball of fire engulfed the shuttle, which then seemed to spin out of control, breaking up as it fell. It happened so fast that ground control had no time to put into effect the emergency procedures practised before the mission. The crew was not equipped with ejector seats.

The shuttle mission had already been postponed twice because of bad weather and mechanical problems. Yesterday morning, as temperatures plunged to well below freezing, officials from NASA held an emergency meeting to discuss two it icicles that had formed

around the shuttle, which it was feared could damage the heat shield.

The shuttle flight was the 25th in a programme that has dazzled the world with its scientific successes and technical advances. But the past two launches have been bedevilled by delays and technical problems, threatening the tight launch schedule.

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It was President Reagan's idea to send a schoolteacher into space. After a nationwide competition Mrs Christa McAuliffe was chosen from more than 11,000 applicants. She was to have given two live lessons from space during the six-day mission. Her husband and two children

were among the thousands of spectators who watched the blast-off of the \$1.2 billion spacecraft at the launch pad.

About 75 seconds after launch the shuttle had accelerated to a speed of 1,977mph, three times the speed of sound. It was 10.4 miles up and eight miles out over the ocean. After the explosion, 45 seconds later, one of the Challenger's two solid rockets, which were clamped to the side of the spacecraft, veered to the right and began spiralling through the sky. The sickening dull roar of the explosion could be clearly heard on live television.

Distraught spectators at Cape Kennedy, including hundreds of schoolchildren who had come to watch Mrs McAuliffe from New Hamp-

shire, wept as the full extent of the disaster became known.

At NASA Control Centre scientists and engineers immediately put emergency procedures into operation but were able to do nothing to save the doomed spacecraft.

Challenger took off from launch pad 39B, a refurbished moon rocket facility, at 16.38 GMT after two last-minute snags caused by computer problems with ground equipment and con-

cern about ice on the launch pad.

On the shuttle were Mrs McAuliffe, Commander Francis Scobee, Commander Michael Smith, Dr Judith A. Resnik, Mr Ronald McNair, Lieutenant-Colonel Ellison S. Onizuka and Mr Gregory B. Jarvis.

Kennedy Space Centre officials said that the Challenger appeared to explode as the astronauts were beginning to throttle the engines to maximum thrust.

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Travelling man James Fenton on the writing of Angus Wilson
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Portfolio

There is \$4,000 to be won in today's Times Portfolio competition because there was no winner yesterday. On Saturday there is \$40,000 in the weekly competition - double the usual amount because there was no prize last weekend. Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page.

Oil price rise lifts sterling

The pound rose two cents yesterday on news of firmer oil prices and greater confidence in the Prime Minister after the Westland debate. Britain's trade swung back into surplus of £125 million in December, and the FT 30 share index rose 16 points to a new high of 1,155.4. Market report, page 15. Prices, page 18.

Howe facing new pressure

Britain is likely to come under new pressure to impose economic sanctions against South Africa when Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, attends a meeting between EEC foreign ministers and the black front-line states in Lusaka next week.

Temple siege

Indian paramilitary troops built sand bunkers around the Golden Temple in Amritsar as 600 Sikh militants inside vowed to keep control of the shrine. Delhi fails, page 6.

Walesa trial

The Polish authorities have summoned Mr Lech Walesa for trial on slander charges in an attempt to end his apparent immunity from prosecution. Page 5.

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Manila fear

Roman Catholic bishops in the Philippines said they could see signs of cheating, lies and violence in the presidential election campaign. US on the fence, page 6.

School age

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Clogged court

Radical measures to tackle the mounting crisis of congestion in the Commercial Court in London are urged by a committee of lawyers. Page 2.

Fatty genes

Fatness is caused by genes rather than upbringing, which may help scientists to find out how to combat obesity, according to research just published. Page 2.

Scotland win

Scotland began their preparations for the World Cup finals with a undisputed 1-0 win in a practice match against Israel in Tel Aviv. Page 19.

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Wapping dispute

TUC instructs unions not to cross Murdoch picket lines

By John Young and Anthony Bevins

The TUC general council yesterday approved a call by the print and transport unions to other unions to instruct their members not to cross picket lines at News International's new plants in Wapping, east London, and in Glasgow.

The council also decided to go ahead with its suspension procedure against the EETPU. A complaint by the print unions would be heard on Thursday and the findings considered by the council next week.

Mr Eric Hammond, the EETPU general secretary, was the only union leader at the meeting to register dissent.

Mr Hammond was kicked and punched when he arrived with colleagues at Congress House and said afterwards that he thought some union officials were among those responsible.

Police fought to hold back demonstrators as he arrived at the meeting, and one print worker shouted: "You have put me out of a job, Hammond. You are a dis-

grace to the trade union movement."

Only a few moments before he arrived, a Sogat official had appealed to demonstrators to refrain from physical protests. Mr Hammond said later that he

had been impeded on the steps of the building by reporters and photographers. "But that was not the worst of it. Inside the foyer there were union officials who Continued on back page, col 6



Mr Hammond being jostled at Congress House yesterday

Tory MPs cheer rates reform plan

By Richard Evans and Colin Hughes

Mr Kenneth Baker's local government reform package was given a surprisingly warm welcome last night by Conservative backbenchers buoyed up by the prospect of an end to the archaic rates system.

Instead of the anticipated reservations about the proposed poll tax, known as the community charge, Government supporters went out of their way to welcome the concept of restoring the relationship between those who vote and those who pay towards town hall spending.

Sir Hugh Rossi, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, and a former environment minister, summed up the feeling of his colleagues when he said the return "at last" of the connection between taxation and representation would be widely welcomed in the country.

With the Prime Minister listening to her party's reaction to Mr Baker's statement, Mr Ian Gow, her former parliamentary private secretary, insisted the proposals represented a great advance in equity in taxation. One of the few criticisms came from Mr Robert

Rhodes James, MP for Cambridge, who said although it was acceptable that higher education students should pay the proposed community charge, they were already suffering from loss of grant and should be covered by low income protection.

Local council representatives and finance specialists will seek a prolonged debate on the proposals, most arguing that some form of domestic property tax should be retained.

The Association of County Councils has asked for the consultation period to be extended from July to October to enable its member authorities to respond to the proposals.

Mr David Blunkett, deputy chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, called the community charge a "dressed up poll tax". Along with the proposal to fix industrial rates, it would increase central control and continue the government's attempt to link voting with property and wealth.

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# 'Space exploration not just for astronauts'

## Teacher won fatal flight in competition

By Our Foreign Staff

Mrs Sharoo Christa McAuliffe, the civilian "astronaut" who won a place on yesterday's ill-fated launch in competition against teachers throughout the United States, had said she hoped to "humanize the technology of the space age" for her students.

"I still can't believe they are actually going to let me go up in the shuttle," she said in September as she pinned on her National Aeronautics and Space Administration identification badge.

Mrs McAuliffe was named in July as the winner among 11,000 teachers who had applied to be the first educator in orbit.

"I want to demystify Nasa and space flight," she said during competition among the 10 teacher finalists in Houston, Texas. "I want students to see and understand the special perspective of space and relate it to them."

Her parents stared in utter disbelief as they watched the

shuttle explode and fall into the Atlantic. Then they wept. Mr Edward Corrigan, and his wife, Grace, of Framingham, Massachusetts, watched the launch from a VIP viewing site three miles from launch pad 39B.

They cheered with the rest of the crowd as Challenger lifted off the pad and soared skyward. But their smiles and cheers turned to horror as the spacecraft blew apart about two minutes after launch.

A hushed, chilled silence fell over the watching crowd. "Oh, my God," said one woman. "No! No! No!" pleaded another.

With looks of shock, Mr and Mrs Corrigan watched as a bright orange ball of flame shot from the shuttle. They continued to stare skyward in disbelief.

Crying, the grieving parents hugged and kept looking toward the sky. They said nothing. Friends consoled them and Nasa officials shielded them from other spectators.

Finally, after several endless minutes of staring at the fading contrails, the Corrigan, red-eyed and stunned, were led away by friends and Nasa officials.

Through all Mrs McAuliffe's training, her husband, Steven, a lawyer, and their children, Scott, aged 9, and Caroline, 6, had stayed at home in Concord, New Hampshire. She said recently that Scott understood what she was doing, but that Caroline called occasionally to ask: "Mom, are you in space yet?"

Mrs McAuliffe, aged 37, taught in primary school for nine years before joining Concord High School as a teacher in economics, history, and law three years ago. She said in her application to Nasa that she would like to record her trip to help



The five crew and two specialists who lost their lives on Challenger: (from front left) Michael Smith, Francis Scobee and Ronald McNair with (from back left) Ellison Onizuka, Christa McAuliffe, Gregory Jarvis and Judith Resnik

"humanize the technology of the space age" through the observations of a non-astronaut.

"I want to demystify Nasa and space flight," she said. "The astronauts are not really connecting with the average student in the classroom. I want students to see and understand the special perspective of space and relate it to them."

In an interview days before launch, she said she was "not naive enough to think that I am the best in my profession."

"I happen to be from a small state that didn't have as many applicants as California, for example. There's a lot of luck in being at the right place at the right time."

Students at her high school in Concord, New Hampshire, cheered her launch widely yesterday, then sat in stunned silence as the shuttle exploded.

She made such a big thing about it. Everyone's watching her and she gets killed."

On the streets of Concord, people gathered in front of television sets in Main Street storefronts and looked at the launch in silent horror. At the State House, word of the launch quickly filtered through the halls.

Earlier in the day, the school's 1,200 students wore party hats and blared noisemakers in preparation for the launch.

Mrs McAuliffe's woman companion on the ill-fated flight was an astronaut, Dr Judith Resnik, who was one of the three mission specialists.

Born on April 5, 1949, she

has a PhD in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland. She became an astronaut in 1978. During an earlier mission had helped to deploy three communications satellites.

The space craft commander was Francis Scobee. Born in May 1939, he became a Nasa astronaut in 1978. He was a combat pilot during the Vietnam war and had logged more than 6,500 hours in 45 types of aircraft. He piloted a shuttle flight in 1984.

Michael Smith, a US Navy commander, was the Challenger pilot. Born on April 30, 1945, he became an astronaut in 1980. He was on the USS Kitty Hawk during the Vietnam war and was awarded the Navy Distinguished Flying Cross and other medals.

Ronald McNair, a mission specialist, had a PhD in physics. He conducted research on electro-optic laser modulation for satellite-to-satellite space communications, and was on a previous shuttle mission which deployed two communications satellites.

Ellison Onizuka, a lieutenant colonel in the US Air Force, is a mission specialist who became an astronaut in 1978. Born in June 24, 1946, in Hawaii, he received high degrees in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado.

Gregory Jarvis, a payload specialist, was born on August 24, 1944. He received a BSc degree in electrical engineering, and had worked on advanced tactical communications satellites.



Christa McAuliffe leaving to board Challenger yesterday



A shocked Betsy Corrigan, Christa McAuliffe's sister.



The Ford Escort Ghia being produced for March launch

### Ford to offer anti-lock brakes on new Escort

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The replacement for the Ford Escort, Britain's biggest selling car, will be the first small family car to be offered with a cheap anti-lock braking system developed by a British company and new fuel saving "lean burn" engines.

Production of the new Escort and its sister model the Orion has begun at Ford's Halewood plant on Merseyside ready for a public launch early in March. The main change in the car's appearance is a new Sierra type, streamlined front half.

But anti-lock brakes will not be standard equipment as on the new Granada.

Prices will not be announced until much nearer the launch date but I understand that the anti-lock will cost an extra £300.

New 1.4 and 1.6 litre "lean burn" engines being manufactured at Bridgend, South Wales, will operate with an air to fuel ratio of 18:1 compared with the more normal 14:1. Ford claims it reduces consumption by up to 11 per cent.

### Cheaper petrol by weekend

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Petrol prices are set to tumble, with one of the big oil companies predicting that by the weekend motorists will be paying as much as 5p a gallon less.

The fall in the price of crude oil, which has dropped by more than \$10 a barrel this year, has given the big companies more room for manoeuvre than at any time since the early 1970s, although the full benefit of the price fall in world oil markets cannot be passed on because much of it has been cancelled by the drop in the value of the pound.

Current posted prices are 198.1p a gallon for four star, but few motorists are paying the full price.

Some supermarket filling stations are charging 189.5p a gallon and in the South-east the average price is 187p.

BP has led the way with cuts of more than 4p a gallon in the price of home heating oil

### Doctors call for tobacco tax rise

By Nicholas Timmins

Two hundred health, church and community service organizations, including the British Medical Association called yesterday for a "significant" increase in tobacco tax to stop young children from smoking and to encourage adults to give up the habit.

With the Budget due in March, the organizations pointed out that in 1984 tobacco taxes were raised above inflation. Government-commissioned research shows that

smoking among school-children is "alarmingly high", with 41 per cent of 16-year-olds smoking, compared with 36 per cent of adult men and 32 per cent of women. The figures also suggest under-age smoking may be increasing.

Children are estimated to spend more than £70 million a year on cigarettes. But with average pocket money at £1.09 and a packet of twenty costing about £1.36, a big increase will help deter under-age smoking, the

organizations maintain.

A petition backing higher cigarette prices was handed to the Chancellor yesterday. It is backed by 100 health authorities, 50 health education departments and organizations ranging from the Boys' Brigade to the British Cardiac Society.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, is understood to have also pressed Mr Nigel Lawson for a significant increase above inflation

### Jobs for few in 'silent service'

By Tim Jones

Far from the madding crowd worthwhile jobs beckon for those who wish to turn their backs on the tribulations of modern living.

But inevitably there are drawbacks for one condition is that successful applicants must take a vow of silence and arise long before dawn to worship God.

The "vacancies" exist on Cady Island off the west Wales coast where the community of Costerecian monks fear that their monastery may die out unless at least eight new novices come

forward to increase their numbers.

Father Robert, the abbot, said yesterday: "I suppose there is a danger of us dying out unless new people receive the call from God and come forward. Our average age is over 60 and our way of life appears to be less attractive ever since it became fashionable in the 1960s to be opposed to anything institutionalized."

New recruits will be expected to learn how to make a wide variety of produce which has established the Order as

unique in Europe. The 15 monks produce cream from their dairy herd, yogurt, perfume and tourist souvenirs to finance their simple way of life. They also run a farm, post office and a school.

Three young novices who arrived on the island last year helped to compensate for the death of three of the monks but several more are needed if the monastery is to survive.

Father Robert said that the rewards were simply the labour of love and serving God and the Catholic Church.

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# Thatcher refuses to expand on Westland

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, refused during Commons questions to elaborate on the statement she gave yesterday on the Westland affair. Asked repeatedly by the Opposition if there had been any reference in the report of the inquiry into the leak in differences of understanding between civil servants she insisted the accuracy of all the facts in her statement had been checked with all those concerned and she had nothing to add.

# Row rumbles on Baker's plan to replace rates

The Government favoured the introduction of a community charge to replace domestic rates. Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Environment, announced when making a statement on the Green Paper on rate reform in the Commons.



**Geoffrey Smith**  
The apparently endless Westland saga has now entered its third phase. The first one centred on the future of the company, the American versus the European option, Hestline versus Brittan. The second phase saw public attention switch from the company to the conduct of ministers: Mr Brittan and the Lygo interview, Mrs Thatcher and the Solicitor-General's letter.

# Poorer people getting personal pensions

For the first time people were being given the right to a personal pension. Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said in the Commons when moving the second reading of the Social Security Bill. At present, some 11 million people had the advantage of their own pension scheme, but another 10 million were without a scheme of their own and would like to have one.

# Minister pours scorn on 'nanny' Labour

The Government did not share the Opposition's enthusiasm for a great big nanny state. Mr Barney Hayhoe, Minister for Health, said when he was questioned in the Commons about progress in implementing the recommendations of the second report of the Social Services Committee on community care.

# Ready for Uganda evacuation

Britain stood ready to provide assistance for the evacuation of the foreign community from Uganda should this be necessary. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during Commons questions.

# Teacher dispute

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, welcomed the prospect of an end to the damaging disruption of the teachers' dispute and said she deeply deplored the strikes. During questions in the Commons she said she shared the view that it was deeply disturbing that the National Union of Teachers were not part of the Acas negotiations and she hoped they would consider they might adopt the Acas solution.

# Australia Bill

The Australia Bill, which terminates the power of Parliament to legislate for Australia, was read the third time in the House of Lords and passed.

# European budget

The Prime Minister expressed the hope during Commons questions that the European Commission would not spend the money Britain had contributed to the European Assembly's illegal budget while the matter was before the European Court.

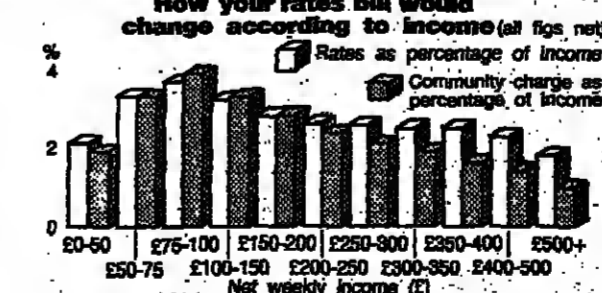
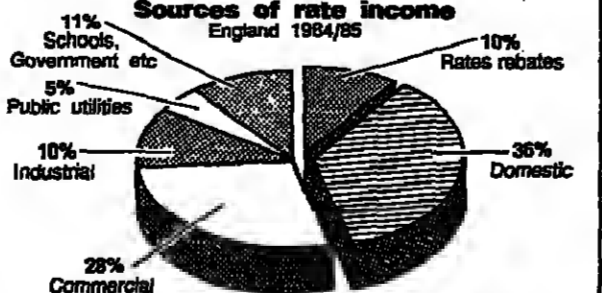
# Party awaiting public's verdict

Up to now it has been widely claimed by Conservatives that the general public are not interested in the Westland furore. That, I believe, is half true. Certainly the letters have not been pouring in to MPs from their constituents.

# Reform of council rates

# Community charge aim to give voters more control

By abolishing rates and replacing them with a new community charge, the Government aims to place control over local government spending more directly in the hands of voters. The Green Paper published yesterday claims in a preface that its proposals "amount to the most radical restructuring of local government finance this century".



and with the change in grants from central government, councils will be given a "safety net" to ensure that their overall income in the first year of the system is the same. But the net will then stay the same in cash terms so that councils which increase spending above inflation are forced to meet the extra out of the resident's tax.

of homes would be better off. Their average 24 per cent would lose by less than £1 a week, and 15 per cent more than £2 a week. Students who may not pay rates now would have to pay the charge.

For Scotland and Wales is similar, they will probably go ahead more quickly, because variations are less severe between homes and authorities. Ministers want legislation for Scotland in the next parliamentary session, with the system starting in April 1989.

The critical question now is what conclusions they will draw from the whole affair. I doubt if Mrs Thatcher has anything more to fear from a direct immediate assault from within her own party.



EEC foreign ministers' meeting

Reagan backed on terrorism but sanctions rejected

From Richard Owen, Brussels

European foreign ministers have expressed strong support for US efforts to counteract international terrorism, but stopped short of joining Washington's economic sanctions against Colonel Gaddafi's Libya.

Gaddafi in the wake of the massacres at Rome and Vienna airports last month. A proposed emergency European meeting on sanctions against Libya in The Hague last week was cancelled.

Summit package signing agreed

From Our Own Correspondent, Brussels

At the insistence of The Netherlands, which currently holds the presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers, European foreign ministers have agreed to sign the controversial package of EEC reforms in Luxembourg on February 17, in spite of doubts over whether either Denmark or Italy will be able to sign.

in themselves. They include moves towards a Europe without frontiers, an internal market by 1992, and marginally increased powers for the European Parliament.

EEC officials added that even stricter visa controls had somehow to be reconciled with moves toward open European frontiers.

"We want to co-ordinate our efforts with the United States as much as possible,"

Ministers quit in spy alert

Delhi (Reuters) - Two junior Indian Cabinet ministers and a high-ranking official have resigned suddenly and newspapers have reported they were linked to a businessman accused of spying for Taiwan.

The resignations were announced without comment on Monday night. Three newspapers said yesterday they had been linked to a businessman charged in October with spying, but senior government officials said they could not confirm or deny the reports.

The Press Trust of India announced the resignations of Mr K.P. Singh Deo, Minister of State for Food and Civil Supplies, Mr Channul Chandrakar, Minister of Rural Development, and Mr M.S. Sanjeevi Rao, chairman of the Electronic Commission.

The Swaroop affair was one in a series of espionage cases in India last year. Earlier a group of businessmen and government officials were accused of passing secrets to France, the Soviet Union and East Germany.



Militant Sikh youths tearing the dome from the Akal Takht shrine of the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Delhi fails to resolve Haryana dispute

From Kuldip Nayyar, Delhi

The impasse over the transfer of the city of Chandigarh from Haryana to Punjab state is still unresolved despite talks between Mr S.B. Chavan, the Indian Home Minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, the Punjab Chief Minister, and Mr Bhajan Lal, the Haryana Chief Minister.

Delhi proposes to resume talks in four days. Both chief ministers claim that the Mathew Commission, appointed to identify Hindi-speaking villages in Punjab which could be transferred to Haryana, has favoured them.

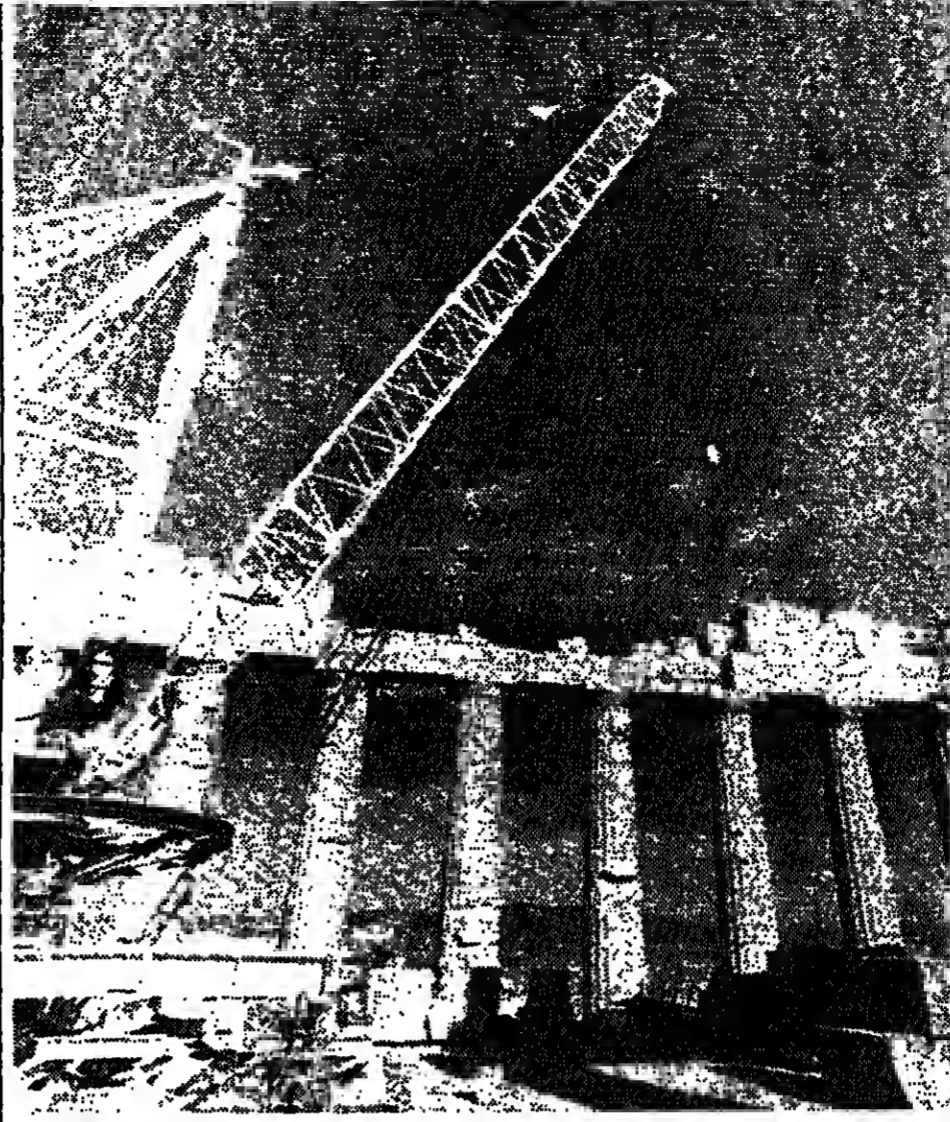
Court will rule on saving last five condors from the wild

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

In the next few days a federal court is expected to rule on whether to allow a small army of scientists to head into the Ventura Mountains and capture the last five remaining California condors to save the birds from extinction.

Condor officials say it is imperative to trap the five surviving condors roaming free so they can be taken to a zoo and mated with condors already in captivity.

The five remaining condors in the Ventura Mountains, which lie to the north of Los Angeles, are easy to track because they have been fitted with miniature radio receivers by scientists.



The 135-ft jib on a giant mechanical crane stands by to start the ten-year operation to dismantle and restore the decaying, 2,400-year-old Parthenon in Athens.

Jigsaw operation to rebuild the decaying Parthenon

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The familiar skyline of Athens has suddenly changed. The arm of a giant mechanical crane has emerged behind the jagged silhouette of the Acropolis.

At the same time hundreds of marble blocks and fragments blown to the ground by the 1687 explosion which left the Parthenon in two ruined halves are to be put back in place, as in a gigantic jigsaw puzzle.

Mr Korres, whose restoration plans for the next two years have been approved by the Greek Archaeological Council and acclaimed by an international colloquium of experts in 1983, is confident that repeated soundings have proved that the Parthenon's foundations are unusually sturdy and massive, and can safely withstand all the commotion and stress.

The Philippine election US stands on Marcos fence

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Amid a growing outcry here over the conduct of the Philippine presidential election campaign and the allegations that President Marcos has been secretly buying multi-million dollar properties in the US, the Reagan Administration has publicly declared itself neutral in the election.

ever are reported to believe that the departure of President Marcos is critical to a non-communist future for the Philippines and to the big US military bases there.

"We do not support any individual or party. We believe we will be able to work effectively with any democratically elected government in the Philippines."

The composition of this delegation, the date of its arrival and the length of stay are still being discussed. The Philippines authorities have already refused to allow any observers or journalists to approach the voting booths.

President courts the Muslim vote

Manila (AFP) - President Marcos toured violence-torn Mindanao Island yesterday for the first time in a decade, as the opposition said more supporters had died in the election violence, bringing the toll to 15.

where some 60,000 died in the height of Muslim rebellion in the mid 1970s. Courting the Muslim vote yesterday, Mr Marcos said he had been wounded while in the anti-Japanese guerrilla resistance in the Second World War and had been saved by a Muslim cavalryman.

Window shopping for arms

From Mary Lee, Peking

A multi-million dollar international defence exhibition opened in Peking yesterday but, unfortunately for the Chinese military establishment, which is keen to upgrade its arms, most of the items on display cannot be sold to them.

Good life has snags for China

From Our Correspondent, Peking

Economic reform in China's rural areas may be enriching the peasants but it has also had one negative side-effect, according to the People's Daily. The divorce rate is rising.

Trail of ancient treasures lost Police baffled by gold theft

From John Carlin, Mexico City

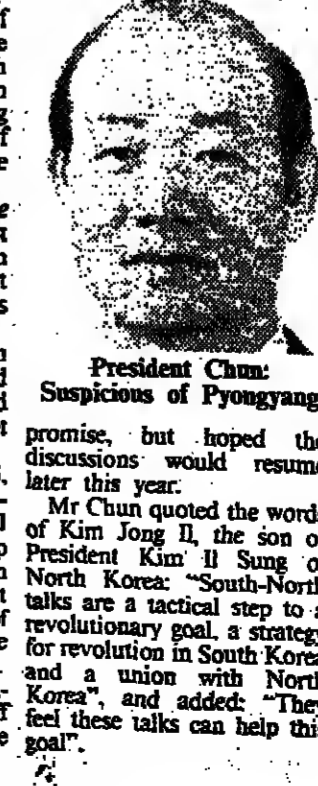
Mexican police, not renowned for their detective work, remain in the dark about the fate of more than 170 priceless pre-Hispanic artifacts stolen on Christmas Day from Mexico City's anthropology museum.

can cities offering a reward of 50 million pesos (£80,000) for information leading to the recovery of the treasures.

robbery happened on December 25 has been dismissed and may be charged with criminal negligence.

Korean president fears talks prelude to force

Washington (AFP) - President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea has little hope of real progress in talks with North Korea and suggests in an interview that Pyongyang sees the discussions as part of a strategy to reunify the country by force.



President Chun: Suspicious of Pyongyang

Mr Chun also told The Washington Post, in his first interview with foreign journalists for five years, that he will step down when his term expires in 1988.

Thais expel Russian journalist

Bangkok (AP) - Mr Sergi Soloviev, a journalist with the Soviet news agency Tass, has left Thailand after the Government refused to renew his work permit.

His activities had been under suspicion for a year, the spokesman said. Mr Soloviev left Thailand on Monday.

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TREES (Those Resisting an Early End from Smoking).  
Hackney Heart and Stroke Prevention Project.  
All Party Parliamentary ASH Group.  
Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.  
Faculty of Community Medicine.  
The National Society for Cancer Relief.  
Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales.  
The Salvation Army.  
Tenovus Cancer Information Centre.  
British Dental Association.  
The Boys' Brigade.  
The Royal College of General Practitioners.  
The National Association of Health Authorities in England and Wales.  
The Royal Society of Medicine.  
The Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene.  
Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.  
The Girls' Brigade.  
The Royal College of Surgeons of England.  
The Royal College of Pathologists.  
The Royal College of Psychiatrists.  
Salisbury Positive Health Group.  
Board for Social Responsibility, Church of England.  
Church of England Children's Society.  
The Scottish Convention of Women.  
Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.  
ACTS (Artists' Campaign Against Tobacco Sponsorship).  
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.  
Chest, Heart and Stroke Association.  
Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.  
Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.  
Women's National Cancer Control Campaign.  
Spastics Society.  
COUGHIN.  
British Institute of Radiology.  
The Royal College of Midwives.  
The Presbyterian Church of Wales.  
British Heart Foundation.  
Action on Smoking and Health.  
Royal College of Nursing.  
Suffolk ASH.  
Health Education Council.  
British Medical Association.  
Northern Health & Social Services Board.  
Glasgow 2000.  
Borough Council of South Tyneside.  
Royal College of Physicians.  
British Cardiac Society.  
Bexley Health Promotion Unit.  
Darlington Health Authority.

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Over 40% of 16 year-old schoolchildren now smoke.\*  
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Tameside and Glossop District Health Authority.  
North Hertfordshire Health Authority.  
Bexley Health Authority.  
Community Medicine Department, Milton Keynes Health Authority.  
Dumfries and Galloway Regional Council.  
Kettering Health Authority.  
Health Promotion Unit Worcester & District Health Authority.  
Haringey Health Authority.  
South Cumbria Health Authority.  
North Manchester Health Authority Health Promotion Services.  
Herefordshire Health Authority.  
Frenchay Health Authority.  
North East Essex Health Authority.  
South Bedfordshire Health Authority.  
Kidderminster and District Health Authority.  
Paddington and North Kensington Health Authority Education Department.  
Worcester and District Health Authority.  
Swindon Health Authority.  
Lewisham & North Southwark Health Authority.  
North Manchester Health Authority.  
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Croydon Health Authority.  
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Doncaster Health Authority.  
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Maidstone District Health Education Unit.  
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Hastings Health Promotion Unit.  
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Cornwall Education Committee.  
Gwynedd Health Education Unit.  
Hounslow Education Committee.  
Maidstone District Health Education Unit.  
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Bristol and Weston District Health Promotion Advisory Committee.  
Salisbury Health Education Service.  
East Cumbria Health Education Department.  
Isle of Wight Health Promotion Unit.  
West Norfolk & Wisbech Health Authority, Health Education Unit.  
Belfast Education and Library Board.  
The Oxfordshire Health Unit.  
County of Avon, Education Committee.  
Oldham Education Authority.  
South Cumbria Health Authority, Health Education Unit.  
Health Promotion Unit, East Berkshire Health Authority.  
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The Physical Education Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.  
Newham Health Education Service.  
Wigan Health Education Department.  
Stockport Health Promotion Unit.  
Southampton and South West Hampshire Health Education Service.  
Hull and East Yorkshire Health Education Service.  
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\*Source: OFCS, Smoking among secondary school children in 1981.

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# Movieman at the barricades

The huge costs of the film *Revolution* and its star Al Pacino have put Goldcrest's back to the wall. But the company is fighting on...

Al Pacino does not come cheap. He doesn't even come reasonable. In a nutshell Al Pacino costs \$3 million. And that is a large chunk of the \$19 million budget of Hugh Hudson's film *Revolution*, which opens in London on Friday.

It is an unusual film in that it hardly matters what the critics think; it is almost irrelevant how many people pay to see it. For *Revolution* is already a flop. That is nothing to do with the quality of the film, nor Mr Pacino's performance, but because it has "bombed" in America.

The United States and Canada now represent 75 per cent of the world film market. If you fail there with a big-budget movie, you have failed full stop. Of course it happens all the time, but in this case it was a failure that almost brought down the most famous and spectacularly successful of recent British film companies - Goldcrest.

Every film would be financed differently, using the appropriate web of guarantees, distribution rights and television and video deals. All this provided a portfolio approach to investment that the City could understand. Combined with the undeniable success of films like *Gandhi* or *Chariots of Fire*, it made financing films seem sensible and at least moderately exciting.

Today, however, Goldcrest's chief executive, Jake Eberts, will unveil a rescue plan to institutional shareholders - a three-point package which, over about 18 months, will restore Goldcrest's financial stability.

But it had to be a slow process. And in this context Colin Welland's "The British are coming" speech at the 1982 Oscar awards and all the premature crowing about our success were profoundly damaging. Behind all that was the simple fact that Goldcrest was still in no

position to withstand a major flop. Finances may be secure, but investors' confidence could evaporate.

James Lee, the key figure following the Pearson involvement, brought in Sandy Lieberson to replace Eberts in 1983. It was a logical choice. He was the only man around with a comparable understanding of the American market.

**"If you want to start a British film company you should first hire Jake Eberts and second hire nobody else"**



Hugh Hudson's *Revolution*: Within three weeks of starting shooting, it was \$3 million over budget



Jake Eberts: about to unveil a rescue plan involving economies and a partnership



David Puttnam: his new *Mission*, filmed in South America, could be a lifeline

agreed and already it was in the budget stratosphere. "He's a great actor", Eberts said later, "but I can't afford him."

required to make a living from the American networks. The company had also moved into huge new offices and now had 35 staff. As it became clear that *Revolution* had problems, it also became clear that Goldcrest was heading for a catastrophic cash-flow crisis.

Meanwhile Goldcrest had abandoned its attempt to penetrate the American television market, spearheaded by the series *Robin of Sherwood*. It had never really seemed close to success with that venture. Having grown used to quick and spectacular returns from movies, executives did not seem willing to accept the long slog

of the future. The lessons may finally have been learnt. As one observer put it: "If you want to start a British film company you should do two things - first hire Jake Eberts and second hire nobody else."

Bryan Appleyard

# Taxing problems of conservation

Why the owners of country estates are sniping at the Chancellor

The taxman is emerging as the latest threat to the British countryside. Just as some of the biggest landowners are accepting what environmental groups have been preaching for years - that broad-leaved trees, hedges, ponds and wild places on their estates are good for nature - many claim they are having to forego conservation as capital taxes begin to bite deep into their ancient ancestral estates.

Over the next few months hefty apologies from accountants urging a reduction in taxes on a wide range of interest groups will accumulate on the Chancellor's desk. But the Country Landowners Association believes its case against Capital Transfer Tax (CTT) should have rather more popular appeal than most ritual bows of outrage by the professional tax objectors, particularly to a government which sees electoral gain from supporting the environment.

As it reissues its annual appeal to Chancellor Nigel Lawson, the association warns that the consequences of inaction could soon be imprinted on the countryside. Introduced in 1974, CTT imposes a 60 per cent tax on estates when they are passed from one generation to the next. Many of the older landowners, following their actuaries' wisdom that they would die first, won an initial reprieve by bequeathing their land to their wives, a move exempt from tax. But 10 years on, those wives are dying and the full effect of CTT is coming to estates as they are passed on to the next generation.

The CLA argues that long-established, family-owned estates care little for the environment than does the smaller farmer or institutional landowner, who is pressured by shorter term financial considerations to maximize his profits. His submissions to the Chancellor include abolishing Capital Gains Tax on property held for more than three years, increasing the transfer tax threshold and reducing Capital Transfer Tax rates.

Within the next five to 10 years, the CLA says, many larger estates may have to be sold off to smaller owners who, in order to please their bank managers, will have to maximize their yields. This could mean destroying woods and hedges to squeeze in more growing space.

In addition, older landowners are having to save to meet the tax bill rather than invest in renewing the environment. To prove its point the CLA has signaled out the Bosanquet estate near Raglan, Gwent, as a model example of what many more landowners would be willing to do for conservation if the Chancellor would reduce the tax burden.

Anthony Bosanquet and his wife, both in their early forties, are unlikely to have to make an early payment of the £300,000 CTT bill which would be due on their ancestral holdings, set in

for wildlife instead of turning them over to EEC subsidized cereals, and spent £16,000 on restoring a silted, derelict lake to attract wildlife. He has recently planted 5,000 hardwood trees, including 1,425 oaks, which should please the conservationists of the year 2065 when they come to maturity.

He has also repaired estate houses sympathetically in local stone when the cheaper option would have been to sell them to sitting tenants with the risk that they would redecorate in more out-of-character materials.

Anthony Bosanquet says: "It's unjust and unrealistic that once every generation a large slice of capital is required from the estate to meet tax demands. As landowners we need to feel we

have more security of tenure and not see the capital assets on which our business is based being steadily eroded.

"This is money which could be more usefully employed carrying out the function of the landlords, which includes preservation of the countryside. Conservation is a long-term commitment. If there is a financial threat hanging over the landowner then he is not going to be particularly willing to invest in the future. It is only because I am a comparatively young man that I can undertake this commitment.

"There's less Capital Transfer Tax to pay if the property is passed on during the lifetime of the land-



Exemplary landowner: Anthony Bosanquet

owner, but there are many who cannot do this, and even those who can are giving up their livelihood."

Richard Williams, head of the CLA's tax department, says that smaller landowners cannot afford to take the longer term view and have to look for a quicker return on the land through high-yield crops or conifers.

"The economics of this sort of conservation exercise can be justified only on a large estate that balances the books. But if Bosanquet was 30 years older there would be no question of him planting hardwood or leaving land uncultivated. He would have to think of the Chancellor, not wildlife.

"All over the country highly desirable conservation projects are coming under pressure from CTT. If estates like the Bosanquets are split up there will be no scope for the estates which please the conservationists."

Gareth Huw Davies

# If it's April, it must be India

It did not augur well for Henry Weston's attempt to run round the world when the wheels fell off his orange box in France after three days. The 34-year-old from Portsmouth began his global jog from Tower Bridge on April Fools' Day 1984, with a massive hail-to-the-eccentric media storm to see him off. He promptly got lost down the Old Kent Road.

Henry Weston is jogging round the world, with only a bicycle and orange box to help him. "I think it's all perfectly normal," he said when he arrived recently in Sydney, Australia, after an estimated 12,000 miles.

sleeping under the stars and the influence of virulent Yugoslavian brandy were beginning to tell. A running-mate, Robin Cook, resigned in India. Weston, however, bankrupt and sick with ringworm, flew on to Perth where he took a temporary job as a window cleaner to pay his way through Malaysia and Thailand.

And that was just the beginning. As the extraordinary hazards of Henry unfolded after 21 months on the road (bitumen and bog inclusive), the problem of a self-destructing orange box being towed by a chap on a bicycle - his grandly designed "support vehicle" - was absolutely nothing.

By day three I couldn't walk, never mind run. My legs were terrible. I was completely shattered," Weston said. "And then it got worse."

Chaotic disaster and mishap have been gently on the rise ever since as Weston's tortuous route has led him across Europe to Turkey, through the strife-torn Middle East, along a passage through India, down the Malay Peninsula and right across Australia.

He decides to give up at least three times a day, but so far England's ultimate marathon man has ploughed on through dysentery, ringworm, false arrest for bank robbery, almost fatal hangovers, a mugging in Melbourne, marauding monkeys, hijacking a glass-bottomed tourist boat out of Jordan, five collisions with cars and one with a working elephant.

The poor Indian chap on top of it fell off laughing. He'd never seen a white man before and I imagine it's a bit unfortunate that the first one he comes across is running along looking pretty terrible and reading a book.

The ghostly looks had less to do with colliding with rushing vehicles than with his outdoor lifestyle. He had only been run over three times at that stage, but the effects of

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- 19 Eminent (8)
- 24 Frigid (6)
- 25 Sullen (4)
- 26 Dream (6)
- 27 Drunken (6)

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- 4 Single some (5)
- 5 Short/long foot (4)
- 6 Roman house (5)
- 10 Worth (5)
- 11 Kingdom (5)
- 12 Innsbruck province (5)
- 13 Paving slab (9)
- 14 Honourable combat (9)
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- 18 Concur (5)
- 20 Deduce (5)
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- 22 Stain (4)
- 23 Unruly child (4)

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SANDRINGHAM: Mrs John Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mark Morrison as Lady in Waiting to the Queen... BUCKINGHAM PALACE: January 28: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the Home Farm Trust...

Welsh win bridge contest

The Welsh internationals Mrs Jessie Newton and her daughter Jean, had an easy win in the women's bridge pairs championship...

Luncheon

Royal Over-Sea League The Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs McMurry were entertained at luncheon on Monday at Over-Sea House...

Dinners

Gardeners' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were present at a dinner given by the Gardeners' Company...

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders Mr L.A. Chipulis, Senior Warden of the Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers...

County Surveyors' Society The centenary dinner of the County Surveyors' Society was held last night at the Royal Automobile Club...

Memorial meeting

Mr P. Clark, MP A memorial meeting for Mr Percy Clark, MP, was held yesterday in the Palace of Westminster...

Appointments

Sir James Clesminson to be Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board in July, in succession to Earl Jellicoe...

EEC gives university £1m for welfare project

The University of Bath has been awarded a £1 million grant by the EEC to evaluate pilot welfare projects in a £25 million programme...

Archaeology How a Greek temple was built

While the sophistication of Classical Greek architecture has been remarked on by every succeeding culture, from the Romans to the present day, the exact way in which the Greek architects obtained their precision of design and execution has long been a problem...



The new President of Honduras, Senior Jose Azcona, accompanied by his wife, celebrating his inauguration at a ceremony in Tegucigalpa.

Church news

Appointments The Rev A Atherton, Vicar, All Saints, Oxford, diocese of Exeter, to be priest in charge of St Francis, Newell Green, diocese of Manchester... Resignations and retirements The Rev P R Burman has resigned his position as rector of St Andrew's Church, Bath...

Science report Palmistry comes to doctors' aid

Some of the ideas practised in palmistry are being incorporated in research by a new division of hand surgery started at Stanford University, California. Although few scientists give credence to the gypsy art of palm reading, for decades doctors have used characteristics of the hand for an aid to a wide variety of disorders...

Rare bat survivor found

A mouse-eared bat found in Sussex last weekend is thought to be the only one left in Britain and is at least 13 years old, scientists said today...

OBITUARY MR L. RON HUBBARD Founder of Church of Scientology

Mr L. Ron Hubbard, the science fiction writer and founder of the often controversial Church of Scientology died on January 25 at his ranch in California at the age of 74, it has been reported by the Church... Hubbard had not been seen in public since 1980, indeed his eldest son actually filed a lawsuit in 1982, claiming that his father was either dead or mentally incompetent...

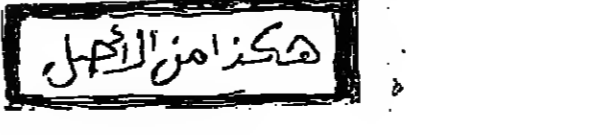
Birthdays today

Dr R.C. Alison, 53; Mr Malcolm Binnis, 50; Mr Leslie Brice, 55; Major-General Sir George Burns, 75; Dr Alec Coppen, 63; Lord Ferrier, 86; Miss Geraldine Green, 47; Lord Gregson, 63; Mr Paul Hodder-Williams, 76; Mr John Junkin, 56; Mr H.N. Lewis, 60; Major-General K.F. Mackay Lewis, 89; Professor Abduq Salam, 60; Air Chief Marshal Sir Alastair Steedman, 64; Viscount Trenchard, 77; Mr Brian Trubshaw, 62; Air Commodore F. West, VC, 90.

Glorious colour in mid-winter

The Royal Horticultural Society's flower show, which opened yesterday at Westminster, demonstrates how colourful gardens can be in mid-winter with flowering and coloured foliage shrubs, bulbs, alpines and perennials. This is the first mid-winter show for several years...

GUILTY? Where were you last Sunday? If it's your job to recruit, lead and properly personnel, and you weren't in the Sunday Times Recruitment pages, consider the facts... SUNDAY TIMES



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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Mercantile's gamble worrying investors

The big bang is turning into a big black hole for Mercantile House. It cannot yet be sure what happens at the bottom, and to avoid finding out it is having to renege heavily...

money is hitting the right spirit of the scheme, target, and the remuneration of sponsors and promoters...

BES Budget scrutiny

This year's Budget, like the two preceding ones, is expected to attack some of the worst excesses of the Business Expansion Schemes...

Unlike previous Budgets, this year could see some tinkering with actual BES mechanics. The Inland Revenue is currently studying a host of possibilities...

President Reagan, alarmed by the continued volatility of exchange rates, is attempting to set the stage for substantive monetary reform...

US shifts stance on currencies

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The change in the White House position, which was to be highlighted in Mr Reagan's State of the Union message last night...

Stock markets had an extremely firm day. They were initially spurred by the recovery in sterling, itself encouraged by Mrs Thatcher's performance...

Among blue chips wanted were Beecham, up 15p at 370p on bid hopes, P&O, 18p higher at 458p on property development prospects...

There can be no doubt, however, of the motivation behind the most surprising revelation he made last night. The Stock Exchange intends to formalize the third tier of dealing on its markets...

CBI concern at slowdown in economic growth

By Edward Towse, Industrial Correspondent

Industrial leaders gave the Government a clear warning yesterday that manufacturing is deeply concerned about falling demand and a slowing down of economic growth...

Balance of trade surplus hits £125m

By Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor

The December figures showed a £117 million increase in exports and £140 million fall in imports...

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Sterling's recovery spurs shares towards record

Whitley was another speculative issue, up 7p at 186p. A firm building sector had Tarmac up 16p at 372p.

On the company news front, Racal came in with worse-than-expected figures but the shares, after dipping initially, closed 10p ahead at 180p...

Western Heritable Investment announced that it had sold 32,500 Municipal Property shares on December 19...

These shares were acquired by members of the public, and in particular Lloyds Bank S F Nominees acquired 33,370 shares...

Border and Southern Stockholders Trust have acquired a further 159,290 ordinary Sullight Service Group shares...

Mr C.J. Smith, a Berkeley and Hay Hill director, has disposed of 1 million shares (1.1 per cent)...

Newarhill has acquired 10,000 of its own shares at a price of 80p.

District and Urban Investments purchased a further 25,000 Headlam, Sims and Coggins shares through Si-mo nominees...

In the brewers, Greenall & Co. has sold 100,000 of its own shares at 1.50 each...

The Treasury 10 per cent 2003 'tap' was exhausted. District and Urban Investments purchased a further 25,000 Headlam, Sims and Coggins shares...

Overnight money looks cheap again at 10 1/2 - 11%. The pressures have abated on the base rate front. The pound is helped on this score...

Mr Newton Zinder, technical analyst at E F Hutton, was more cautious. Though he believes the market will eventually move higher...

On the employment front, the CBI expects redundancies to continue at the rate of about 16,000 a quarter in manufacturing...

Britain rebuffs Opec

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Demands by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that Britain should cooperate to bring stability to the world oil market were rejected yesterday...

He said that only if the two leading non-Opec producers, the United States and the Soviet Union, were to cooperate in production restraints could others play a significant role in controlling the market...

Sir Peter said that the oil market was now being affected by circumstances beyond normal supply and demand...

Opec itself would have to decide to bring stability to the market by controlling its own output rather than letting prices freefall...

Pickfords buys 35 Lunn Poly outlets

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Pickfords Travel, part of National Freight Consortium, is taking over 35 business travel outlets of Lunn Poly...

Thomas Cook is still by far the biggest travel agency chain but, judged by numbers of outlets, Pickfords will now, it claims, be the second largest...

Mr Neil Thompson, the Pickfords marketing director, said: "Our business travel centres chain has been growing organically so this has probably telescoped our growth plans by three years."

Prices opened higher Tuesday in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which rose 7.68 to 1537.61 Monday, was up 0.81 to 1538.42...

Advances led declines 551-395 among the 1,437 issues crossing the tape. "We think the market is going much higher," said Stephen Weiglass...

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IN BRIEF

Long-haul Airbus

Airbus Industrie, the European airline manufacturing group of which British Aerospace is a leading member...

The consortium says the four-engined, 360-seat, very long range A340 will enable airlines to escape Boeing's long-range monopoly...

The decision, taken at a meeting of the Airbus supervisory board in Munich, will enable BAE to begin talks with the Government...

The Airbus supervisory board says the two new versions should be available in the early 1990s.

German surplus

West Germany had a record exports surplus of DM73.3 billion (£22 billion) last year when the country also achieved a record current account surplus of DM38.6 billion.

Frogmore post

Mr William Baker has been appointed managing director of Frogmore Estates with effect from March 1. He is leaving the board of Slough Estates.

Pacific oil

There are more than 450 promising oil and gas exploration opportunities in Asia and the Pacific despite the slump in oil prices...

Egyptian cuts

Egypt has cut its oil prices by up to \$3 a barrel and temporarily reduced exports by two-thirds because of the fall in world market prices.

Yards improve

Spain's state shipyards cut losses by 24 per cent to 43 billion pesetas (£205 million) last year, the first of a restructuring plan for the industry...

Posgate plea

Mr Ian Posgate, the former Lloyd's underwriter, will today ask the Council of Lloyd's why he should not be allowed to return to active underwriting...

Pickfords buys 35 Lunn Poly outlets

Pickfords Travel, part of National Freight Consortium, is taking over 35 business travel outlets of Lunn Poly...

Thomas Cook is still by far the biggest travel agency chain but, judged by numbers of outlets, Pickfords will now, it claims, be the second largest...

Mr Neil Thompson, the Pickfords marketing director, said: "Our business travel centres chain has been growing organically so this has probably telescoped our growth plans by three years."

Prices opened higher Tuesday in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which rose 7.68 to 1537.61 Monday...

Advances led declines 551-395 among the 1,437 issues crossing the tape. "We think the market is going much higher," said Stephen Weiglass...

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Advertisement for Chesham, featuring the company logo and the slogan 'Our business is selling yours'. Includes contact information for Chesham Finance Limited.

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CRICKET

England take their hats off to the new fast 'Bola'

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Barbados

The bowling machine which goes by the grand name of 'Bola' and came out on the same flight as the England team...



Smith: already starting to hit the cover off the ball

Smith: already starting to hit the cover off the ball. He hardly looks to be built for the part, being particularly broad in the chest or the shoulder...

Wigan profit from good housekeeping

When Widnes declared publicly that their sale of Joe Lydon to Wigan for £100,000 saved them from liquidation...

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY

Kath Meek

score board at the ground. Wigan have formed a members club, The Knight of Central Park...

Kalule will defend in Sheffield

The Danish Boxing Federation has confirmed that Ayub Kalule will defend his European middleweight title against Herol Graham...

Forgiving fault of a 14-year-old

Joanne Conway fluffed her debut on the big-time stage of ice figure skating at the European Championships on Monday...

SNOOKER Griffiths stages brilliant recovery

By Sydney Friskin

Yet another first round match in the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament at Wembley ran its full course on Monday night...

TENNIS New format may iron out faults of past Masters

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The dates, format and prize money scale for the annual Masters tournament, the showpiece climax of the men's Nabisco grand prix circuit...

BOXING

McRae to lead MG campaign

Jimmy McRae, of Lanark, will drive the highly successful new MG Metro GR4 in this year's Shell Oil RAC British Open Rally Championship...

McEnroe's Seoul aim

Ottawa (UPI) — John McEnroe said on Monday that he would like to play in the 1988 Summer Olympics in South Korea...

SKIING

Pramotton earns victory

Adelboden (AP) — Richard Pramotton of Italy, recorded a fast second heat and won the giant slalom yesterday for his first World Cup victory...

Sutton takes a commanding Cup lead



Hal Sutton, by winning the Phoenix Open last weekend, not only won the \$64,500 first prize, bringing his total earnings for the season to \$100,000...

TODAY'S FIXTURES

- Football: FA Cup, Football League, Football Conference, Rugby Union, Other Sport.

RACING: GORDON PRICE'S MARE LOOKS A SOUND BET AT HEREFORD

Stan's Pride for swift follow-up Where to draw the line on professionalism

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Until yesterday Merce Rimell must have thought that she was bound to win the Fred Rimell Hurdle...



Gaye Brief, the former champion hurdler, who is in action at Hereford today.

The last time they met in last year's Champion Hurdle in which they finished third and fourth behind See You Then and Robin Wonder...

White not much may have gone right for Fred Winter lately. Bargill, who won by four lengths at Nottingham eight days ago has been an exception...

Courses must plan ahead to maximise revenue

By Michael Seely

Satellite television is but one of the subjects being considered by the Race Course Association...

Surveys conducted in the United States and Japan suggest that when betting shops are fully equipped to receive the service...

POINT-TO-POINT

Whether duress a murder defence

By Brian Beel

Saturday will see the start of the 1986 point-to-point season with the report of the working party investigating the present conditions...

Essential though the Jockey Club is with Wetherbys for the office administration to prevent any skulduggery...

Too little use is made of a system of penalties and allowances to make racing as competitive as it could be.

SPORT/LAW

Law Report January 29 1986

Whether duress a murder defence

Regina v Howe Regina v Bannister Regina v Burke Regina v Clarkson

Before Lord Lane, Lord Cuckfield, Mr Justice Russell and Mr Justice Taylor (Judgment given January 27)

Michael Anthony Howe, now aged 21, and John Derek Bannister, now aged 22, were convicted at Manchester Crown Court...

Mr Michael Seely, QC and Mr Peter Crichton-Gold, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals...

HEREFORD

- GOING: good (7 am inspection) 1.45 LEDBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (2849 2m) (22)

Hereford selections

- 1.45 Do Or Die 2.15 Echo Sounder 2.45 Bargill 3.15 Stans Pride 3.45 ATRABATIES (nap) 4.15 Bolcrash

WINDSOR

- GOING: soft (inspection) 2.00 BROCAS NOVICE HURDLE (DIVISION 1) (21067 2m30yd)

Windsor selections

- 2.00 Storm House 2.30 Nickle Moppett 3.00 Membership 3.30 Bruno 4.00 Fread Phigm 4.30 Open The Box

Fixtures for 1986

- Feb 1 North Norfolk Harriers, at Highgate, Staff College & R.M.A. Sandhurst Dragrafts, at Tweseldown

Problems of bail

Regina v Neal Experience of the Court of Appeal had shown that it was not always wise for an application to be made for bail pending the hearing of an appeal against sentence...

Possession no offence

Reid v Kennell A person proved to be knowingly in possession of infringing copies of cinematograph films in which copyright subsisted at the time of his possession was not guilty of an offence of infringing copyright...

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Today's television and radio programme

TV-AM, TV/LONDON, BBC2, CHANNEL 4, Radio 4, Radio 3, Radio 2, Radio 1, WORLD SERVICE. Includes programme listings for various channels and radio stations.

ENTERTAINMENTS. Listings for various theatres and performances, including titles like 'The Business of Murder', 'Daisy Pulls It Off', and 'The Musical Sensation'.

Ocean yields up priceless porcelain

By Geraldine Norman

A cargo of Chinese porcelain which has lain for over 200 years carefully packed in crates of tea at the bottom of the South China Sea was unveiled by Christie's yesterday in an Amsterdam warehouse...



An inquiring fish investigates the crates of amazingly perfect porcelain found on the floor of the South China Sea.

What makes the discovery unique is that the ship's papers survive and for the first time the lading bill of an 18th century Dutch East India Company is not merely a dry list. It can be compared with the actual porcelain on the warehouse shelves...



One of the crates opened to display the find and, right, Captain Michael Hatcher, the successful treasure-hunter, between March and May last year, Captain Hatcher discovered the 18th century vessel. The first selection of porcelain was flown back to Christie's dated the wreck to about 1750.



lost in that period, the Geldermalsen. It ran on to a coral reef in the aftermath of January 3, 1752 and sank at 1.30 am the next morning. Two boats escaped. After drifting for 10 days they arrived at Batavia. They had the ship's papers with them but not the captain...

TUC tells unions not to cross picket line

Continued from page 1

Continued the kicking and punching and said they would remember our faces. I certainly recognized at least one of them.

Mr Michael Hicks, a Sogat father of the chapel (branch chairman) at John Menzies, the news wholesalers, told them the union would try to strengthen moves to block distribution of The Times, The Sun, The Sunday Times and the News of the World.

News International has written to leaders of the three print unions, whose members work for the company, warning them of legal action if there are continued efforts to persuade members to stop working at the new plants in east London and in Glasgow.

The letter to Mr Hammond acknowledges that he has so far decided not to accede to requests from other trade union leaders and from the TUC.

News International has also issued a writ against Sogat '82 for damages for non-publication of the News of the World in Manchester last Saturday night.

Letter from Tokyo Wine, plonk, or grape juice?

An EEC official visiting Japan's northern island of Hokkaido spotted a hand-some-looking bottle of wine with a foreign label.

Gratified that European products were penetrating a part of the country not known for the sophistication of its taste the official picked up the bottle to inspect its baroque European label. In tiny letters at the bottom it said, in English: 'Bottled in Japan'.

Though it did not say so, in all probability the wine was actually a mixture of up to 98 per cent imported bulk and two per cent local plonk. That combination is common and perfectly legal in Japan, to the consternation of EEC representatives.

With the endorsement Maruque Deposee on a bottle labeled Merician Cabernet Vin de Qualite Excellence anyone might be forgiven for thinking that he was being offered a French wine. How is the Japanese consumer to know that the bottle contains an inglorious mixture of East European and South American bulk wine and what some call 'local grape juice' when there is not a trace of his own language on the bottle?

Few Japanese know much about wine or the requirements of ageing and the domestic industry, which supplies a tiny fraction of home demand, seems in no hurry to behave responsibly either to its customers or to foreign countries with long and distinguished histories as wine producers.

The problem for the European Economic Community, which has produced an exhaustive two-volume study of discriminatory trade practices against foreign liquor, is proving that customers are actually being deceived. It is a difficult case to make particularly as Japanese are apt to regard such appellations as champagne to be as exclusive as the term videorecorder. The generic term provides no description of what actually constitutes whiskey or wine or brandy, for that matter.

Needless to say ruling has not anyone at the Executive office, changing the label is not an adequate re-our concern', said community's diploma. David Wai.

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Today's events

Royal engagements: The Princes of Wales, President. Business in the Community, visits Business Initiatives Carlisle, Scotch Street, Carlisle, 10.10 and later accompanied by the Princess of Wales...

New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week. Buildings for Music, The Architect, The Musician, and the Listener from the Seventeenth Century to the Present Day, by Michael Forsyth (Cambridge, £30).

Weather forecast

Complex area of low pressure will cover the country with one centre moving southeast into northern France. 6 am to midnight: London, SE, E England, East Angles: Outbreaks of rain, turning to sleet or snow in most areas...

High Tides

Table with columns: TODAY, AM, HT, PM, HT. Lists high tide times for various locations like London Bridge, Avonmouth, Southampton, etc.

Abroad

Table with columns: Country, C, F, S, W, M, S, W, M, S, W, M. Lists weather conditions for various countries like Moscow, London, Paris, etc.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,955

Grid for crossword puzzle No 16,955 with numbered squares.

TV top ten

- 1 EastEnders (Wed), 8.25pm
2 EastEnders (Thu/Sat), 8.20pm
3 News, sport, weather (Sat 21.00)

Anniversaries

Births: Emanuel Swedenborg, philosopher, Stockholm, 1688; Daniel Bernoulli, mathematician, Groningen, Netherlands, 1700; Thomas Paine, Theophilus, Norfolk, 1737; Sir Ebenezer Howard, founder of the garden city movement, London, 1850; Frederick Delius, English composer, 1863; George III, reigned 1760-1820, London, 1820; Edward Lear, San Remo, 1888; Douglas Haig, 1st Earl Haig, Field marshal, London, 1926; Bernard Williams, philosopher, New York, 1926; Robert Frost, poet, Boston, Massachusetts, 1963. The Victoria Cross was instituted, 1856.

Road network map

A new edition of Great Britain's colour map showing the development of Great Britain's road network published yesterday. The Department of Transport's Publications Sales Unit, Building, Victoria Road, South Ruislip, HA4 0NZ, cost £3.00 for each sheet, accompanied by crossed cheque or postal order. Telephone 01 212 334.

ACROSS

- 1 Chilly Fellow runs a degree course (6)
4 Smoked, they produce carbon and damage hooters (8)
10 Could be operating as an extremely colourful butterfly (6, 3)
11 Counting before a superior officer (5)
12 Cold fish, showing little on the surface (7)
13 Ample room for spectators in Chester racecourse (7)
14 Enticed from Leeward, so sailors say (5)
15 Plucky! remove a Vandylke (8)
16 Parallel bars American sportsman play on (8)
17 The Walrus and the Alphabet (5)
18 Harmful element of scum, edited to have no love in it (7)
19 Judges' exhibit - mass murder weapon (7)
20 Good fairy left in danger (5)
21 One man upset - dummy cannot be changed (9)
22 Meditative talking-bird swallowed by large pigeon (8)

DOWN

- 2 No 2 to take chair bottoms up (6)
1 Note about much wickedness in the fleet (8)
2 Status of a fellow taking up Rugby Union (7)
3 He'd paid out, eg to firm (3, 6)
5 Three stage take-off from runway (3, 4, 3, 4)
6 More ready to fall - last words on Virgin Queen (7)
7 Agent for some air supplies (7)
8 Desire dramatically moving in this way (6)
9 Resigned to Act I being changed by this order (5, 9)
10 Third man to dilute the antidote (4, 5)
11 Forceful check surrounds tough guy (8)
12 Stand taken by Sergeant, we hear (7)
21 Say "Ar" house-doctor states - here's a lozenge (7)
22 Service engineer (6)
24 Yarn of two cities in digest form (5)

Portfolio

Table showing stock market performance with columns: Stock, Price, Change. Includes items like British Telecom, Cable & Wireless, etc.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies: Australia \$, Belgium Fr, Canada C\$, Denmark Kr, etc.

Times world-wide

Noon in London is 7 am in New York; 4 am in San Francisco; 9 pm in Tokyo; 11 pm in Canberra; 2 pm in Johannesburg; 4 pm in United Arab Emirates; 3 pm in Moscow; 8 pm in Hong Kong.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Social Security Bill second reading. Lords (2.30): Salmon Bill, committee, first day.

Weather map showing pressure systems and fronts over Europe and the UK.

Weather map showing pressure systems and fronts over the North Atlantic and North America.

Table with columns: Country, C, F, S, W, M, S, W, M, S, W, M. Lists weather conditions for various countries.

BEWARE advertisement for The Sunday Times recruitment pages, mentioning a survey and contact information.

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